

Saturday, February 6, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 383–386, and S. Con. Res. 6. **Page S1325**

Measures Passed:

In Memory of Scott Bates: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, authorizing flags located in the Capitol complex to be flown at half-staff in memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate. **Page S1334**

Impeachment of President Clinton: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, receiving the presentation of evidence from the House managers and White House counsel. **Pages S1289–S1318**

Notice of Intent: A notice of intent to suspend the rules of the Senate was submitted. **Page S1318**

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 4, 1999, Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Monday, February 8, 1999.

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report relative to the progress in Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of the Stabilization (SFOR) military operations plan; referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–4). **Pages S1318–20**

Transmitting the District of Columbia Courts' fiscal year 2000 budget request; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–5). **Page S1320**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:05 a.m., and adjourned at 5:09 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, February 8, 1999.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee announced the following Subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Securities: Senators Grams (Chairman), Bunning, Shelby, Allard, Bennett, Hagel, Santorum, Crapo, Dodd, Schumer, Bayh, Johnson, Bryan, Reed, and Edwards.

Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance: Senators Enzi (Chairman), Crapo, Grams, Hagel, Mack, Johnson, Kerry, Bayh, and Schumer.

Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation: Senators Allard (Chairman), Santorum, Grams, Shelby, Gramm, Kerry, Edwards, Dodd, and Bryan.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Mack (Chairman), Bennett, Enzi, Bunning, Reed, Dodd, and Kerry.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions: Senators Bennett (Chairman), Hagel, Mack, Enzi, Santorum, Bunning, Crapo, Shelby, Allard, Bryan, Reed, Schumer, Edwards, Johnson, Bayh, and Sarbanes.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: On Friday, February 5, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 314, to require the Small Business Administration to establish a limited-term loan guarantee program under which the SBA would guarantee loans made by private lenders to assist small businesses in correcting Year 2000 (Y2K) computer problems;

S. 364, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to permit Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) to receive contingent obligations, such as warrants and royalties, when financing a

small business, to increase the funding level for Participating Securities, to strike the requirement for SBA to reserve 50% of the leverage for SBICs with less than \$20 million in private capital, to provide for an assumed tax rate for the purposes of determining whether “after-tax” income of a small business organized as a “pass-through” entity for tax purposes is within the limits required if the small business is to qualify for SBIC financing, and to reduce the requirement for SBA to issue SBIC guarantees and trust certificates to once every twelve months; and

The nomination of Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

Also, the committee approved their rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

Y2K IMPACT ON FOOD SUPPLY

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: On Friday, February 5, Committee concluded hearings to examine Y2K problem within the food supply industry, focusing on the Department of Agriculture’s assessment of the food industry’s Y2K preparedness, food processing and distribution, Y2K impacts on food producers, dairy industry, precision farming and general crop farming, after receiving testimony from Senator Lugar; Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Tyrone K. Thayer, Cargill Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Allen Dickason, Suiza Foods Corporation, Dallas, Texas; and Ken Evans, Arizona Farm Bureau Federation, Yuma.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, February 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.